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SAID METHOD	:	

RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the November 28, 2007 Office Action in connection with the above-identified application, reconsideration is requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 8-19 only stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite on the ground that the recitation “laminar filter” is unclear within the context of the pending claims.

Since the specification does not express an intent to impart a novel meaning to “laminar” or “laminar filter”, the words are presumed to take their ordinary and customary meanings as understood by those of skill in the art. Reference sources, such as dictionaries are to be consulted. M.P.E.P. §2111.01. As indicated in the attached copy of page 757 of Webster’s New World Dictionary, the dictionary definition of laminar is “composed of, arranged in or like laminae.” The term “laminae” is the plural of “lamina.” The term “lamina” is defined as “a thin flake, scale or layer, as of metal or animal tissue.” Thus, the claim recitation of “laminar filter” would have its ordinary meaning of a filter in the form of a thin layer or member, as illustrated and as would be understood by those skilled in this art.